we can turn our attention to works that are purely in the interests of church extension and development.

We beg your indulgence, and ask that you give the "Proclamation" a careful reading.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Brother Hixson says some good things in his "Mission" article.

Brother Holsinger spent Sunday with the brethren at Fair Haven.

Brother James Skelley, of Milford, Ind., is recovering from a spell of lung fever.

Bro Jacob W. Beer reports a successful meeting near Christopher, Kansas.

Bro. McFaden commenced a protracted meeting at New Enterprise Pa., last week.

We learn from a round about way that brother Brown has been sick at Conemaugh, Pa.

Brother H. R. Holsinger expects to spend next Lord's day in North Liberty, Ohio.

Twenty-two accessions to the church near Akron, Ind. That is another good work.

Bro. Jas Litchfield has moved from Lawrence, Kansas, to Medicine Lodge, same state.

The German Baptist—Dickey Church—near this place held a protracted meeting recently, and six were added.

Bro J. C. Cripe is in the midst of a revival in Berrien county Michigan, and on the 13th, three had come forward.

Send in the church news, brethren. It does us all good to hear what is going on in the different parts of the Brotherhood.

Bro. J. A. Ridenour adds another to the Brethren churchs already on record, this week. Hope it may prove a vine planted in a fruitful hill.

As we go to press a card arrived from brother L. C. Stiffer stating that the meetings at Garrison, Iowa, are growing in interest and numbers and that one had come out for the Lord.

Brother W. M. McDonald, of Homer church, called on us, Thursday of last week. He is one of the main-stays of that church, and has stood faithfully at his post through storm and sunshine.

Mr. J. D. Findlay, teacher in the Commercial Department, was called to his home at Johnstown, Penna., last Sunday, by a telegram. His father, brother Abel Findlay, was dangerously ill. A later dispatch brought the news of his death.

Some brother who is financially able could do a grand work now by stepping forward and subscribing the whole $4,000 to lift the debt on the College. If we had the money that some other brethren have we would call for the proclamation of thanksgiving next week.

I am truely glad to hear of the churches increasing in the western countries, and the visiting of the Lord in the spirit to break down the stubborn will which is in man, and cause him to set his face Zionward. May they by their walk and conversation show to the world, that the spirit of the Lord doth abide in them, to will and to do. We are but weak mortals of ourselves, without the spirit to guide us into all truth. A. T.

Meyerhoppers Store, Va.

Burlington Church, Ind.

On Saturday evening the 9th of Jan., and Sunday evening, were the times for regular appointments at Sugar Grove.

On account of the feartul storm raging at that time, Bro. Swihart did not get here till Sunday evening.

No meeting on Saturday evening. On Sunday we met one dozen at the church, and had a short service, and as this was the time we expected to have a series of meetings, we published meeting for Monday night.

Monday was very cold, a few at meeting, had a prayer meeting to begin with. The meeting grew in interest as it progressed, and under the telling power of the *Word*, as proclaimed by brother Swihart, one came out on the Lord's side Thursday evening. The U. B. minister, Rev. Patten, was with us during the week and assisted in prayer and song. On Friday evening 15th, after sermon, brother Swihart gave the liberty to the Rev. Patten, to make this announcements. He announced meetings over Sunday and all the next week, and one of his members called out, "and all the next." I suppose they thought that would fix us sure, but a good general always looks ahead, so brother Swihart quietly published a meeting for Saturday evening at the school house about 1½ miles from the Grove, near brother Hendrix's and we made retreat thither in good order, yes, in almost solid phalanx, and left the U. B's, New Lights and Methodists in possession of the Grove, where they continued their meetings for about two weeks, with slim audience, and no accessions. On Sunday 17th, we received more accessions, and had a crowded house nearly every night. Continued to receive volunteers for Christ all week.

Some were opposed to us using the school house, and it became evident we would either have to close the battle or make another retreat, and as we had been so successful in the past, retreat was ordered to Middlefork. Union Chapel, for Wednesday eve the 27th. To this date had received 26 applicants for baptism, and two by relation.

Middlefork is two miles south of the school house, but the audience went with us almost to a man, and we continued to have a full house till the close.

On Sunday eve, Jan. 31st, seven came out as volunteers for the Savior, and on Monday eve, the 1st of Feb., five more.

Meetings continued till Sunday, Feb. 7th, when Bro. Swihart preached his farewell sermon at this point, and closed our series of meetings with 26 baptized, 2 by relation, and 16 applicants for baptism, a part of whom will be immersed the 14th inst., 44 in all.

We have great reasons to thank God for his abundant mercy, and great blessing he has given us. It certainly was a very successful meeting considering the disadvantage under which we labored; commencing at the Grove in Howard Co., moved to the school house in Carroll Co., and then to Middlefork in Clinton Co.

Bro. Swihart does not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, and we think there are very many that are counting the cost, and will come to the fold soon.

We are making arrangements to build this summer. Size 36x48. Brother Brown does this indicate any backward move?

We wish an interest in all your prayers, that we may be able to help take care of the flock.

B. L. Gordon.

Things In General, Some Things In Particular.

Our home work is still prospering. Good congregation on cold snowy Sundays is good evidence.

Some Sunday schools go to sleep in the winter like snakes and bats: ours keep right on, fifty scholars at Funkstown last Sunday.

If brother Lewis Hang preaches as well as he writes, the Louisville Church would do well to see that he does considerable preaching.

How glad I am to hear such good news from Louisville. Would like to have partaken of baptismal dinner No. 2. May people continue to get their eyes open.

Eve flirted with the devil and got herself and husband into trouble. The church that flirts with the world will suffer the consequence.

Our church at Mapleville is stronger and on a better foundation, as far as the community is concerned, than ever before. So says our deacon and he has a keen eye.

Some of the young men came forward and help greatly in singing. I do hope they will learn to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

Last year a lady opposed us, she said she was glad when any thing hindered us. This year she rejoices at our success.

Wise people change their minds; fools never do.

We are preaching at St. James. Interest good, prospects bright. We have our own thoughts about this place and we shall see what we shall see.

The Lord's table is an extension table; room can allways be found for more; none need stay away because many have come.

John Duke.

From the Field and Church.

Commenced meeting about the 10th of Jan. and closed on the 30th with twelve additions; one deacon and a very valuable addition indeed in wich the German Baptists were not well pleased. I feel to say that the meeting was a grand success as there were no members in this part of the country. Bro. Montgomery and Bro. Noley preached here last summer and it was here that some sixteen years ago, I preached one sermon and made some, if not many warm friends which resulted in the present revival.

At Gravelton there has been much good seed sown, for some one to reap in the near future who will give them a boom as a great revivalist like that at Portage Prairie. May God's choicest blessing rest on the man of God, whoever he may be, that He will send there to reap the crop when fully ripe for the harvest. I don't remember that I ever saw so many near the Kingdom and did not come, but I pray that the Lord will care and water the seed sown in his name.

I feel it will be just to say that some did valuable service who were not members of any church. J. Brown lead the singing class and the young people came on the rostrum both ladies and gentleman, and took an active part in the singing. Bro. Stuckman sang in the choir nearly every night for which he made many warm friends both in and out the church. He is with the German Baptists but saluted us as brethren. May the Lord bless him for what he and his kind wife did for the Lord and his humble servant.

Bro. and sister McDonal of the U. B. church did much valuable service for the Lord. May the good Lord bless them for their hospitality toward us and in behalf of their neighbors. I can not close this report without speaking in regard to old sister Brumbaugh and son and the sisters in their employ who belong to the G. B. church but they treated me as a brother.

Old sister Bowser also being among the number at our parting as one of my old friends and sisters in the Lord and as ever may the Lord keep us true to each other. They bade me come and stay as long as you please. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon those three sisters of charity. It will only be a few more storms until it will all be over and it will be said enter in the joys of the Lord.

May Bro. Fuller and his kind family go on in the work around them. Thanks for their hospitality. Mr. Malcom and they have my best regards, hoping they will soon give their regards to the Lord and his cause.

J. C. Cripe.

Dowagiac, Mich., Feb. 3.

"Valley" Flashes.

Yes there is war in the Miami Valley. I knew there would be a battle in Winchester, when Mallott went over there—forty-two killed, and not done killing yet.

They say that Mason is fast gaining a reputation for singing, which bids fair to out rival even that of the noted Sankey—well he's got my hymn book that's why.

We preached at Lexington yesterday. Mason was with us; he is happy.

Brother Binkley of Huntington, Ind., preached for the brethren at Bear Creek morning and evening (yesterday,) we wanted to be there too, but duty pointed elsewhere.

We, in Bear Creek cong., had our quarterly council meeting last Saturday afternoon. Of course we did not agree on every thing presented, just at first, but we bore and forebore until the cement got set, then we were cemented—together, of course. Bro. Binkley was there and saw our conduct. Well, we are well meaning and plain talking people, and I am glad it is so; no shame; no hiding our feelings; we just come right out like little children and show where it hurts, and then we put the plaster right where the pain is, and every body gets well, and we all feel better.

It ought to be that religion makes the man, but, too often, it is the man that makes the religion; it just suits him, because it is his.

Did you ever look at your heart from God's stand point? Just try it once. You will be surprised to see how it looks; so full of black, hidden thoughts and deeds matured for action. If, after you once see yourself as God sees you, I ever hear you boasting your own righteousness, then I will know you are a goner.

You can't read your Bible twenty minutes until you feel "sorter shaky." Why? Because it won't compromise with our human meanness; and it just makes a bee line for our pet sins, disclosing them to us as God sees them—that is the reason we don't like to read our Bible.

It don't make so much difference what you really are as what people think you are, is the popular idea even of church members; and we might, with the same degree of truthfulness, add, it don't make any difference if you have a character or not just so people think you have.

There is some difference between character and reputation. Character is what you are; reputation is what people think you are. You may have a very good character, while your reputation won't amount to a bill of beans; and you may have a reputation as bright as a new dollar, while your character —"well it aint none." Very often we trade our character off in order to procure a reputation. You can keep a character lots easier, these days, than a reputation, because they are not in much demand—nor much in use.

When a man wants to join church, instead of the church dictating to him the conditions of membership, he dictates to her the terms under which he will obligate himself; if he is wealthy and influential in he goes, and gets the special prayers of the church, because they want his money. But if he is a poor man he must come in the regular order or stay out. Is Rome alone in selling indulgencies?

Some people think because a young man has a smattering of Greek and Latin, and a wealthy pa, that he is cultured, even if his heart is full of deception and vanity; and some people don't think so—who is right. This applies to the other sex too.

Young man, your pa was a good man and he proved it by sterling might and worth; the world expects you to do the same; they won't rob the old gentleman to pay you—do you understand?

How do you read your Bible? I used to read mine, seeking for others faults; but when I found them, somehow they always looked so much more like mine that I have come to the conclusion that the matter is intended for me. My Bible shows me what will make me pure; and I can have it, or I can let it alone, but I must take all risks of the latter.

Are you a Christian? Don't know! Well if you were in business, and talked of your business in that way I would say, you are a poor business man.

Sinner, are you going to run the risks?

It is an awful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

J. P. Martin.

New Lebanon, Ohio, Feb. 8.

The Word of the Lord is suited to each individual as if he were the solitary occupant of the universe.